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SUBJECT: ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF JEWISH SCIENTISTS

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1. SINCE REPORTING IN REF B, WE HAVE INQUIRED FURTHER CONCERNING ALLEGED HARASSMENT OF LEVICH, AZBEL AND BRAYLOVSKIY. AS FAR AS WE CAN TELL, NONE OF THE THREE MEN WAS HARASSED PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON VACATION. BRAYLOVSKIY AND LEVICH REPORTEDLY HAVE ENJOYED TROUBLEFREE VACATIONS FROM WHICH NEITHER HAS RETURNED.

2. AZBEL, WHO WENT TO ODESSA ON VACATION, IS STILL AWAY. WE ARE TOLD, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS OBJECT OF A "PROVOCATION" BY THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES IN ODESSA, AND WAS DETAINED BY A MILITIAMAN WHO ACCUSED HIM OF STEALING A BRIEFCASE WHICH HE WAS CARRYING. AN "ANGRY CITIZEN" WHO HAD LOST THE BRIEFCASE FINALLY DECIDED THAT IT WAS NOT HIS; IN THE MEANWHILE, HOWEVER, SEVERAL CONFIDENTIAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE ACTIVITIES OF JEWISH DISSIDENTS WERE REMOVED.
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